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The Honorable Arlen Specter
Ranking Member
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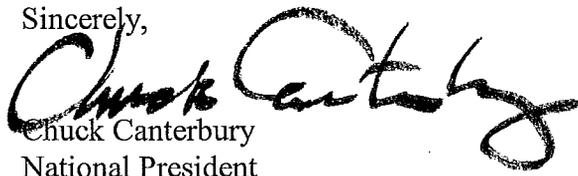
Dear Mr. Chairman and Senator Specter,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for the nomination of David W. Ogden to be the next Deputy Attorney General of the United States.

Mr. Ogden is a tremendous choice. Not only is he a fine and gifted attorney, but he possess the leadership and experience that the Justice Department will need to meet the challenges which lay before us. Mr. Ogden has an excellent record of public service, which began in 1994 when he left private practice to become the Deputy General Counsel and the Legal Counsel for the U.S. Department of Defense. He transitioned into the U.S. Department of Justice in 1995, serving as an Associate Deputy Attorney General until 1997 when he became Counselor to the U.S. Attorney General. From 1998 until 1999, Mr. Ogden served as the chief of staff to the Attorney General. He served as Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division in 1999, until being confirmed for the post by the Senate in 2000. Mr. Ogden left the Department in 2001 and joined one of the top law firms in Washington, D.C. We are fortunate that President Obama has asked him to return to public service, and we look forward to working with him in the years to come.

As you know, we have the highest regard for the President's choice to be the next U.S. Attorney General, Eric H. Holder, Jr. We believe that he deserves to have people in whom he can place his trust when he assumes leadership of the Department. Mr. Ogden is one such individual, and I believe that the President has made a fine choice in David W. Ogden to be the next Deputy Attorney General of the United States. On behalf of the more than 327,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I urge you and your Committee to expeditiously confirm his nomination. If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,



Chuck Canterbury
National President

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